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Microsoft was the first company to open up its MS-DOS code to developers allowing the individual to participate in the computer revolution. Apple was the competition then who had a closed system not allowing others to hook into their code. Microsoft has led the advancement in software technology based on customer wants and needs. Their server systems were opposite from Novell in that the standard install gave everyone power and it then needed to be limited while Novell gave nobody access rights until given by a IS person. This openness approach has put them in the lead for consumers. Please don't allow competition between companies to become a political question. Developing standards and sharing these standards with other companies has been the norm for Microsoft through their Microsoft Developers Network (MSDN) program. Please don't limit Microsoft's ability to develop standards and leading edge practices that give more capabilities to the end user because their competitors are not offering as useful products.